



10-15-04

PTO/SB/30 (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

+ [Signature]

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**Address to:  
Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Application Number	09/656,812
Filing Date	Sept. 7, 2000
First Named Inventor	Russell P. Cowdrey et al.
Art Unit	2141
Examiner Name	Le Hien Luu
Attorney Docket Number	068307.0106

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114****a. ☒ Previously submitted****i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on****June 15, 2004**

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

**ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_****iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_****b. ☐ Enclosed****i. ☐ Amendment/Reply****ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)****iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)****iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_****2. Miscellaneous****a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.117(i) required)****b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_****3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.**a. ☒ Although no extension of time fees are believed to be due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06073****i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)****ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)****iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_****b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ \$395.00 (37 CFR 1.17(e)) enclosed****c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)****WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**02-0384 Spoke to  
ms. Sandra Muller  
11/18/04 customer #  
typed in my  
mistake**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print / Type)	Keiko Ichiye	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	45,460
Signature	[Signature]	Date	October 13, 2004

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1490, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office shown below.

Name (Print / Type)	
Signature	
Date	

11/19/2004 (Burden/Power Statement) (This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.) DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the following address: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.

10/18/2004 EFLDRES 00000120 09656812

01 FC:2201

395.00 DP

DAL01:821978.1